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SEES DRIFT FROM FARMS AGRICULTURAL BAROMETER

A.F.A. PRESIDENT STRESSES DECLINE LABOR FARM FORCE

**"Not Sufficient Incentive to
Induce People to Enter
Farming"**

ADDRESSES CONVENTION

**Marler Suggests Floor Prices
Are Better Than "Static
Parity Price Formulas"**

"In the immediate years prior to and including 1948, we were all on a spiral of inflated income; but since 1948, while labor and industry have continued the flight, agriculture has taken a tail spin and is moving downward."

Results Shown by Survey

In this sentence, delivered in the course of his address to the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, which opened in Calgary on Wednesday of the current week, Roy C. Marler, President of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, summed up conclusions to be drawn from a comprehensive survey of the trends in Canadian agriculture in recent years. Mr. Marler dealt extensively with the major problems facing the farming industry, with the record of the Federation, Provincially and nationally, and suggested policies for the future. The Directors' report and that of Secretary James R. McFall, described the work of the past year in detail. Sessions are still in progress as this issue goes to press. These will be dealt with in our next issue.

Pointing out that one barometer of the state of agriculture is the drift away from the farms, Mr. Marler quoted official statistics which showed that up to August the farm labor force had declined this year by 85,000 which, if the rate of decline continued unchanged, would be approximately 113,000 by the end of 1950. The "farm labor force" consists of persons over 14 years of age available for work.

Not Sufficient Incentive

"These figures suggest," said the President, "that there is not sufficient incentive in agriculture to induce people to enter as labor or as a business." They suggested also that "people are receiving food at a less labor unit cost than they are receiving for other services."

Mr. Marler believed that "one of the most essential segments of our national defence program must be a prolific agriculture," which could not be developed as it should be, if present trends continued.

"It is a fact," he said, "that at present the lowering of the living standard in agriculture through the decline in our net income, and lower prices for our products, gives a higher standard to the urban people by providing cheaper food. We are anxious to assist in the improving and the rais-

Farmers' Union Elect Executive for Coming Year



Members of the Executive of the Farmers' Union of Alberta elected by the joint Convention of F.U.A. and F.W.U.A. delegates are seen above. The photograph was taken shortly after their election. Mrs. R. B. Gunn of Lloydminster, who was afterwards re-elected President

of the F.W.U.A., is a member of the Executive ex-officio. Left to right: Rudolph Hennig, Fort Saskatchewan, Vice-President; Mrs. C. T. Armstrong, Hussar; Henry Young, Millet, President; A. R. Hadland, Baldonnel, B.C.; A. B. Wood, Dewberry.

Says Subsidizing Consumer Final Payment Factor

Study Application of Sciences for Benefit of Vast Area in Africa

LONDON, Eng. — How the sciences can best be applied to the benefit and development of Africa, south of the Sahara, is the problem to be dealt with by thirteen scientists from the U.K., Northern Rhodesia, South Africa, Belgium, France and Portugal. They met in Nairobi, the capital, on Nov. 21st, and will form a permanent body, as arranged at an inter-governmental meeting in London last May.

ing of the standard of living of urban people, and also to share an equal standard as far as possible. Low or high, domestic prices need not throw our living standard, urban and rural, out of balance one with the other. Too many people have become accustomed to cheap food as though it were produced by nature.

Worse Than Statistics Indicate

"The buying power of farmers for the current year's operations is much worse than statistics indicate and it has never been as high as many want to believe. In the peak year of 1948 the total income included some 179 million dollars of equalization and participation payments. The 1949 income was down considerably, even after including some 220 millions of similar payments. In other words, a sizeable portion of these payments were earnings on crops grown in previous years.

"The figures for 1950 are not available, but they undoubtedly will show a marked decline from those of 1949. The decline in prices and the 1950 crop

Howe Discusses Wheat Problems — F.U.A. Decides "Known Communists" to Be Ineligible for Board

The subsidizing of the Canadian consumer by the wheat growers over a period of years, through the sale of wheat to Canadian millers below export prices, is one of the matters "now receiving the consideration of the Government in relation to the final price," Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, told the Annual Convention of the Alberta Farmers' Union last week, in answer to a question from the floor concerning the five-year pool. To another delegate, who asked if the Government would consider the subsidizing of agriculture as a means where necessary of maintaining a balanced economy that "they would give it the same consideration as in days gone by." There was loud dissent, however, when Mr. Howe added that over the past five years the rise in the prices of agricultural products had been greater than that of any others.

Mr. Howe had previously remarked that inequalities as between classes of producers had been many during the period of wartime controls, as well as in this field. The Minister also stated, in the course of a comprehensive and highly informative review of the wheat situation (and in particular the final payment), that he hoped the "cheques would be in the mail in January." The Delegates subsequently reaffirmed the call made by the Union for a payment of not less than 25c.

Mr. Howe expressed the opinion that conditions are greatly affecting the income of prairie farmers."

Organized farmers had not advocated high prices, but rather long-term stability, believing that stability could

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had there been no wheat agreement with Britain, from 48 to 50 million bushels of Canadian wheat might have been unsold at the end. He said that when the price for the third year was negotiated at \$2 plus 6 cents carrying charge (the same price was agreed to for the fourth year), the British, who insisted that they had fulfilled their obligation under the "have regard to" clause, did agree to fill their North American requirements from Canada and to continue such a policy into the future. "Great Britain," he declared, "will continue to be our largest single customer — and on a two-way basis to a greater extent than ever before."

Ban Communists From Central Board

By an overwhelming majority, the delegates adopted a resolution directing that "in the interests of this organization, no known Communist shall act as an officer of the Central Board," after defeating an amendment moved by H. R. Boutillier of Hairy Hill as a satiric gesture that "Fascists and C.C.F.'ers" be banned also. The resolution had first been passed by the F.W.U.A. Convention, and the general Convention added the proviso, that "the Board be instructed to obtain legal advice as to how and when they can put this into effect." A. B. Wood, of Dewberry, and Vice-President R. Hennig, of Fort Saskatchewan, explained that this addition was desirable as protection against suits at law, and was based upon the experience of some other organizations.

This decision came as the culmination of a series of events during the week. Prior to the opening of the Convention, the Board had asked F. E.

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Guernsey Takes to Tractors

LONDON, Eng. — Although various factors combine to make Guernsey an island of small holdings, often divided into minute meadows and fields, power farming has made considerable progress since it was first introduced some thirteen years ago. The war years, states Basil C. de Guerin in *Power Farmer*, "were lost to progress in agriculture due to the German occupation"; but 135 tractors have been taken to the island since 1945.

Japan's 1950 grain crop promises to be near record levels; official estimates are for 49 million bushels of wheat and 81 million bushels of barley.

Food Best Weapon in Cause of Lasting Peace

President Stresses Farmers' Responsibility

Not only must agriculture be organized in its own interest, in a society in which others are highly organized, declared Carl J. Stimpfle in his annual presidential address to the recent F.U.A. convention, but as producers of food, farmers have a greater responsibility to society than any other group.

Attack 'Common Enemies of Mankind'

"... With millions of people throughout the world who are far from being properly fed," he declared, "ways and means must be found to produce more food, and have it within reach of these hungry peoples, if the world is to have lasting peace. Food is the best weapon to that end. In my opinion, greater effort will have to be made in setting up and handling of surplus foodstuffs through an International Commodity Clearing House in order that we may attack the common enemies of mankind, namely, Poverty, Disease, and Hunger."

Receive 'Very Little Encouragement'

Turning to immediate problems of agricultural producers, Mr. Stimpfle spoke of the need for Producer Marketing Boards, for which Provincial legislation was required. The Alberta Act of 1939 had been "divested of its powers" by amendments of 1948, and the A.F.A. were endeavoring to have this situation rectified, with, so far, "very little encouragement from the Provincial Government."

Some way must be found, said Mr. Stimpfle, to move coarse grains more directly to consumers, and he advocated a Producers' Coarse Grains Marketing Board.

Mr. Stimpfle reviewed the livestock situation, and the lessening of premium paid on Canadian cattle, shipped to the U.S., by the freeing of the Canadian dollar. With declining prices on other farm commodities, he considered "the outlook for agriculture this coming year is none too bright, and I am

afraid that the whole national economy will feel its effects."

Freight Rates and Machinery Costs

Tied in with the freight rates question was the threatened increase in costs of farm machinery; here again, only a strong farm organization could act to "stave off any further decline in the agricultural income." The demand for steel for war purposes was another factor.

Inflation was another result of the impact of war on our economy, and Mr. Stimpfle expressed the belief that the Federal Government "must step into the picture and again institute Price Control."

Mr. Stimpfle recounted efforts of individual farmers to establish surface rights ownership. He referred to meetings he had attended throughout the Province; to the progress of the Junior Section, and closed by expressing thanks to the Board of Directors, the Executive and staff for their loyalty and co-operation.

Wheat Pool Ladies Hold Annual Dinner

Social Gathering of Wives of Delegates Most Enjoyable

"The Wheat Pool Ladies" is perhaps unique among the great variety of farm organizations in this Province. Interest in the Wheat Pool and in co-operation is held in common by the members' wives of Alberta Wheat Pool delegates; the formalities are of the slightest, and the chief purpose of the group is to promote sociability among the women, visitors to the city from farm homes in many parts of the Province.

The annual meeting usually takes the form of a dinner, and it was held this year in the Club Cafe and graciously presided over by Mrs. Lew Hutchinson, with Mrs. Blair acting as secretary. It was, like its predecessors, a most pleasant occasion. Vases of baby 'mums, the gift of the Pool Chairman, Ben S. Plumer, graced the tables, and Mrs. T. S. Montgomerie of Hilda, confined to her bed by an attack of sciatica, had made and sent the gay, hand-painted place-cards. A card of thanks, to be sent to her, was signed by all the women present, as were greetings to other absent members.

Tribute to Master Farmer's Wife
Community singing was led by Mrs. T. H. Howes, Millet, with Mrs. Moore accompanying. Mrs. Emil Cammaert, Rockyford, of one of Alberta's 1950 Master Farm Families, was introduced; and a witty tribute was paid to her by Mrs. Alexander, of Boyle, in a free adaptation of Kipling's "If," enumerating trials and tests common to farmers' wives and declaring that one who could meet them all successfully would be a paragon. "... and what is more, you'll make a Master Farmer's Wife." The more serious part of the program was provided by Everett Baldwin, who gave a talk on narcotics.

Officers elected were Mrs. A. T. Baker, Nemiscam, Mrs. Montgomerie, Mrs. Plumer, and Mrs. Park Dobson, Paradise Valley. — A.M.S.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

Livestock Freight Rates — As a result of recent hearings by the Board of Transport Commissioners, the livestock producers of the Prairie Provinces will be required to pay more for the movement of their livestock to market.

This increase will amount to approximately 13 per cent. The new schedule of rates that will come into effect on December 15th allows for some adjustments, so the percentage increase will not be the same at all points. Another point that should be observed at this time is that new rates are based on mileage — that there are no blanket privileges as far as the movement of livestock is concerned.

The decision of the Commissioners was that the railways were entitled to make this adjustment in their rates on livestock. It is not our purpose to challenge this ruling, but we can reiterate that in our opinion larger numbers of livestock will be moved by truck, particularly on the assembling basis. This fact may not be evident immediately, but should the price of livestock decline we would expect to see a still larger volume of livestock moved by truck.

Nuffield Foundation Scholarships — Fourteen young Canadian farmers have made application for scholarships under the Nuffield Foundation student farmer plan, sponsored jointly by the Nuffield Foundation Canadian committee and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. Two scholarships each year are to be awarded under the foundation plan, to young Canadian farmers for a six months' farm training and study period on farms in the United Kingdom. Under the plan as approved by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, one of these scholarships will be awarded to Western Canada and one to Eastern Canada. The final selection is to be made by a committee named jointly by the C.F.A. and the Nuffield Canadian committee. Under the Nuffield plan, a number of Old Country farmer students have visited Canada in past years. Orrin Hart from Claresholm is Alberta's candidate for this scholarship from Western Canada. We hope that at an early date we can announce that Orrin has been granted this scholarship.

Net Cost of Price Support Program — Net cost to the Federal Government of its program of price support in farm products was \$8,128,960.62 from the time the program was inaugurated, about five years ago, up to March 31st, 1950. This does not include all of the present year's operations, which it is expected will add another \$2 millions to the net cost. The price support act provides for a revolving fund of \$200 millions for operations under the act. The annual report of the Agricultural Prices Support Board just issued gives details of the net cost quoted above, as follows:

Potatoes — P.E.I., New Brunswick and Quebec, 1946	\$ 170,748.48
Potatoes — P.E.I. and New Brunswick, 1948	1,646,839.34
Apples — Nova Scotia, 1947	3,119,274.22
Apples — Nova Scotia, 1948	1,443,231.39
Apples — B.C., 1948	44,650.93
Apple Shipments to U.K. from 1949 crop, B.C. and N.S.	1,499,329.28
Dried White Beans in Ontario	194,419.88
Dry Skimmed Milk Purchases	10,467.10
	\$8,128,960.62

DEATH RATE LOWERED

The maternal death rate in the U.S. has been cut from 6.2 per thousand live births in 1933 to less than one per thousand in 1949.

Season's Greetings



In this month of December the Alberta Wheat Pool extends greetings and best wishes to all for a Very Merry Christmas.

What a dungeon this old world would be if the spirit of Christmas was forever banished from the earth!

This happy, unselfish season furnishes an example for human conduct throughout the year. It provides an ideal for those whose dream of a world worth living in is one of kindness, beauty and decency.

The Christmas season would still be worth while if it offered merely the opportunity to express to others the hope for a Merry Christmas.



ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

Alberta Wheat Pool Will Pay \$1,000,000 Patronage Dividends

Additional \$600,000 to Be Paid in Redemption of Original Reserves of Pool

Patronage dividends to the total of \$1,000,000 (\$400,000 in cash and \$600,000 in reserves) will be paid by the Alberta Wheat Pool on grain delivered to Pool elevators during the 1949-50 crop year, it was announced during sessions of the Annual Meeting of delegates in Calgary last week. Ownership of the organization rests with the Wheat Pool reserves. An additional \$600,000 will be distributed to members in redemption of the original commercial and elevator reserves.

The patronage dividend on wheat and flax delivered to Pool Elevators will be on the basis of 2½¢ a bushel, 1 cent being in cash and 1½¢ in reserves. On oats, barley and rye the payment will be ¼¢ a bushel in cash and ¾¢ in reserves. To obtain such dividends the members must have delivered their grain through Pool country and terminal elevators.

Basis of Reserves Distribution

The Pool delegates decided that the redemption of reserves (to the original group who contributed the capital required to build the elevator system, between 1923-28) would be conducted on the following basis:

1. From estates of members who have died before March 31st, 1951.
2. From members who will be 70 years of age or over at March 31st, 1951.
3. From members who will be 60 years of age or over at March 31st, 1951, and who do not possess land and are not engaged in farming.
4. From members under 60 years of age at March 31st, 1951, not possessed of land or engaged in farming.
5. From members ranging in age from 69 years down to 65 on March 31st, 1951, whether or not engaged in farming or possessed of land.

The redemption of reserves will proceed with the first category down to the last until the entire \$600,000 is expended.

Directors Re-elected

All of the present Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool were returned to office when delegates from each district met in special session for the election of Directors. Those returned to office and the district they represent are: Lethbridge district, A. T. Baker, Nemiscam; Claresholm district, G. G. Coote, Nanton; Drumheller district, Ben S. Plumer, Bassano; Red Deer district, W. J. Blair, Naco; Canmore district, Lew Hutchinson, Duhamel; Vegreville district, G. L. Harrold, Lamont; Edmonton district, W. R. Mueller, Spirit River.

In line with the policy proposed last year, which provides that Directors' terms will be for two years, three of the districts elected Directors for a two-year period. The Directors from the other districts will be elected for

Propose World Surplus Commodity Co-op.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Creation of a world surplus commodity co-operative, to be operated on a non-profit basis by the marketing and consumer co-operatives of the world, was proposed to FAO here recently by the International Co-operative Alliance. Wallace J. Campbell, spokesman for the ICA, made it clear that this organization strongly supported the proposed International Commodity Clearing House and its rejection caused great disappointment. The present plan is suggested as an alternative.

a two-year period next year. Directors who will hold office for the coming two years are: G. G. Coote, W. J. Blair, G. L. Harrold.

The Convention came to a close on Friday, December 8th, after ten days of deliberation by the 70 delegates who represented all agricultural areas of the Province.

'Changed Person' After Her Visit Overseas

Miss Roe Describes Conference of Associated Countrywomen

"Money cannot buy the goodwill and friendship which come through visiting the HOMES of people in other lands, as we did," said Miss Amy J. Roe, Women's Editor of *The Country Guide*, in describing to the Annual Convention of the F.W.U.A. in Calgary last week her recent visit to the sixth triennial conference of the Associated Countrywomen of the World in Copenhagen. This movement started in 1930 with Lady Aberdeen as prime mover and Mrs. Alfred Watt, a Canadian, a strong force in it.

"Coming back from this international meeting I am a changed person," Miss Roe declared. "One has to give way — round off the corners of dominant ideas. First of all, we had to subordinate our provincial identity and become Canadians — and being welcomed everywhere in Europe as Canadians was very lovely."

Sacrifice Our Leaders

Miss Roe pointed out that in the older countries leaders are chosen for their intellectual capacity, and though belonging to the "Countrywomen" may live in town. She felt we in Canada sacrifice our rural leaders, who may have moved to town, yet have more leisure for work of this kind. She pointed out the need for women who can represent Canada, and also speak internationally — and we have all too few. She said it is possible the next conference of A.C.W.W. may be held in Canada. She urged the Farm Women's Union to study the work of the United Nations to "keep within the stream of life and thought".

Garlands Visit Convention

This group of Canadians, said the speaker, were entertained at the Norwegian embassy by Mr. E. J. Garland, our representative. Mr. Garland was a former leader in the farm movement who homesteaded near Rumsey, and it was thrilling to meet him in this position abroad. And even as Miss Roe was telling the delegates about this visit, Mrs. Garland came into the Convention, adding a touch of whimsy, recalling old friends. She and Mr. Garland had just arrived for their first visit home to Canada in several years.

To Seek Affiliation

At the conclusion of Miss Roe's talk a resolution was adopted directing the Board of the F.W.U.A. to study the aims and objectives of the A.C.W.W. with a view to affiliation.

LONDON, Eng. — Nearly 900,000 new houses, permanent and temporary, have been built in the U.K. since the end of the war.

Farmers Pioneering in International Statesmanship Now

Hannam Outlines Progress and Possibilities of World Farm Federation

Farmers of the world, through their organization, the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, are "pioneering in international statesmanship," declared H. H. Hannam, in an address to the annual banquet of the Alberta Wheat Pool, in Calgary last week. Mr. Hannam is president of the I.F.A.P. as well as of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Early Association With Pool Movement

As a young school teacher in Saskatchewan, Mr. Hannam recalled, he had presided over meetings held in neighboring districts to organize the Pool in that Province, thus coming into early association with the Western Wheat Pool movement.

The speaker pointed out that there could have been no Canadian participation in international agricultural affairs if there had not been a C.F.A.,

and if the C.F.A. had not prepared by work in the Canadian field for action in the larger field.

Farm people the world over, continued Mr. Hannam, had much the same problems and the same outlook. They had a common desire to transform farming from a kind of gamble to a stable industry. The futures market still had defenders; but if it was so valuable in the farm products field, why not a futures market for labor and for all commodities?

Case of Teamwork

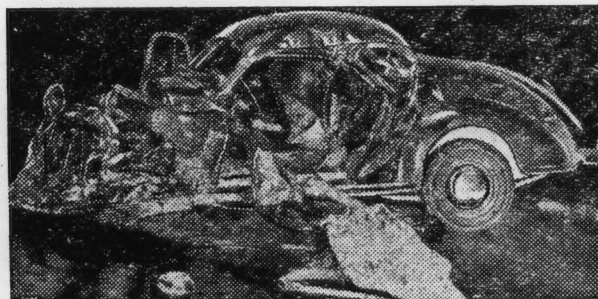
Contrasting the relatively good prices of the past eight or ten years with those prevailing in 1932 (he quoted from the *Wheat Pool Budget* an item instancing sale of oats for 3 cents and wheat for 19 cents a bushel, and of 12 hogs for \$10), Mr. Hannam divided the credit for the stabilization program that had been in effect in recent years. Governments, both Federal and Provincial, had had a hand, and the C.F.A. had had a hand. It had been a case of teamwork.

The International Wheat Agreement had been an attempt to establish further stability. It was an effort to set up "rules for the game". It was different from the old way, but the old

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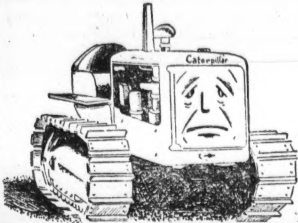
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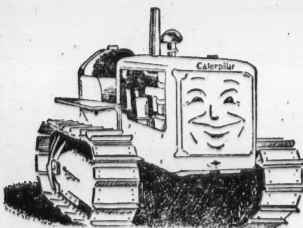
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STRENGTH OF ALL IS NEEDED

Reports relating to the Annual Meetings in Calgary of three major farm organizations are published in this issue. Two of them, the Alberta Wheat Pool and the Farmers' Union of Alberta, concluded their sessions last week. The Alberta Federation of Agriculture is still in session as we go to press, and its decisions, as well as further features of the Union Convention, will be dealt with in our next edition.

The Federation, to which the primary organization and the Province-wide farm co-operatives and other farm associations are affiliated, links the movement in Alberta to those of the rest of Canada through the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, and through the C.F.A. our own farm families are associated with the International Federation of Agricultural Producers — and thus with their fellow farmers in many parts of the world.

All parts of the Federation contribute to its strength and influence. Primary organization through individual or family membership in the locals is both necessary and vitalizing. The strength of the commercial bodies, each of which is concerned with the protection and promotion of agricultural interests and agriculture welfare, is also indispensable. We wish every branch of the movement continued expansion in usefulness during the coming year.

IS BRITAIN EFFETE?

Whenever the despatches from London in the daily press provide some striking new evidence of the spectacular manner in which Great Britain has strengthened her financial and business position since the war, a number of North American daily and other publications find occasion, ignoring the evidence, to indulge editorially in their favorite hobby of disparaging the British people. Such coincidences have been numerous, and may well prove baffling to the reading public.

Let statistics be published showing that Britain has exceeded all past records in various major fields of production. A new chapter in the editorial serial story of alleged British unwillingness to buckle down to work is to be expected.

Let Britain's export trade, far surpassing that of the pre-war years, show new and striking expansion. A sermon on the supposed unsoundness of the British system of economic controls is likely to follow.

Let it be announced that Britain's dollar position is vastly improved, and that she leads all the lands which suffered grave economic and material damage in the war, in the processes of rehabilitation. It will be pointed out, quite probably, that she is meeting with trouble (as she has been) in finding sufficient labor to operate her coal mines to capacity. Her successes will be ignored and her difficulties magnified.

Now comes the announcement that Britain is to dispense with most of the help which had been expected from the United States in financing rapid rearmament, and is to finance a ten

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW

The clouds hang heavy o'er the dying year
And far horizons glow a sullen red.
The writhing shadows of unrest and fear
Fall where the Christmas feast will soon be spread.
Men blindly seek with clashing force of arms
The peace no force of arms shall ever win,
And all the earth resounds with dread alarms
Of mighty conflicts that may yet begin.

But all is not yet lost, and so we may
Still flaunt hope's tattered banners as we move
Across the threshold of the New Year's Day
Which still, against the desperate odds, may prove
The gateway to a better day to be
When, as his birthright, every man is free.

—ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

billion dollar program in this field mainly from her own resources. We don't know what new dissertation on British effete-ness this will call forth.

Little notice has been given in the past (in the papers which are in the habit of belittling Britain) to the fact that for some years after the war's end (we have not checked most recent figures) Britain's expenditures in aiding in the financial recovery of other countries was roughly equivalent to the amounts she received in Marshall aid.

Of course there has been launched across the North American continent at this time, a campaign of raging, tearing propaganda against the so-called dangers of what has been named the "Welfare State"; and it happens that Great Britain today provides its outstanding exemplification. That the Welfare State is now accepted by all British political parties, in greater or lesser degree; that Winston Churchill takes pride in the contribution he made to the development of the earlier forms of social legislation, and that his party is committed to maintain all of the vast services which have been brought into being by the Government of Clement Attlee — these things suggest that there is today no fear, unless it be in the minds of a few crackpots, that what Britain has done to raise the standards of public health, and to give reasonable economic security to her people, has robbed her of the energy and powers of endurance and courage that, whatever the future may bring — whatever may be the tests to come — she will abundantly require.

The rearmament program may delay the expansion of existing services; but all the evidence which comes out of Europe suggests that the British Welfare State (with those of Scandinavia), possesses immeasurably greater powers of survival than do certain neighbors in Europe where play has been given in the name of "free enterprise", not to the development of its genuine form through co-operation, but to its spurious manifestations in the uncontrolled growth of monopoly to the point at which "wealth accumulates" for the privileged, "while men decay."

POSSIBLE PLAN FOR PROTEIN GRADING GIVEN IN OUTLINE

**Grain Commissioners' Chemist
Addresses F.U.A. Convention
— Further Study Needed**

Declaring that much further study will be needed before a decision can be reached on protein grading — a subject of discussion at many farmers' meetings — Dr. J. A. Anderson, of Winnipeg, Chief Chemist of the Board of Grain Commissioners, described in a most lucid way to a large audience of delegates at the Convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, the possibilities of such a system.

Avoiding technicalities, Dr. Anderson held the close attention of the delegates and answered questions from the floor. His exposition was highly appreciated.

Would Be Restricted to 3 Top Grades
"We cannot make milling wheat from the No. 5 merely by determining its protein content," Dr. Anderson said in part. "Protein grading will have to be restricted to grades 1 Hard, 1 Northern, and 2 Northern, and we should first remove the light wheat weighing less than 60 lb. per bushel from No. 2."

"This top quality wheat might then be bulked and graded into four new grades which we might call No. 1 Canada Western Hard, No. 1 C.W. Medium Hard, No. 1 C.W. Medium, and No. 1 C.W. Soft. Protein limits for these grades might be, over 14.5 per cent, 13.5 to 14.5 per cent, 12.5 to 13.5 per cent, and under 12.5 per cent. These new grades would replace the three top grades now in use."

Full Value for Top Quality Wheat
"Farmers would thus obtain full market value for the protein in top quality wheats averaging 60 per cent of the total Western crop. All farmers delivering the new 1 C.W. quality would receive the same interim payment. At the end of the year, final payment would include a protein premium which would be higher for high protein wheats."

"There are some practical difficulties. The new 1 C.W. grades could not be binned separately in country elevators, as no protein method is available for doing this. The solution is to let Nature bin the wheats for us. Nature will see that high protein wheats are delivered to and shipped from country points in high protein areas. Low protein grades will come from low protein areas."

No Extra Load on Elevators
"Protein tests can be made at central laboratories. These tests will establish the grade for binning in terminal elevators. The proposal puts no extra load on country elevators or terminals."

"All farmers would receive the same interim payment for 1 C.W. grades. The final payment and price would be based on the actual protein contents of carlots shipped by the farmer. If he delivered to the country elevator, where his wheat would be mixed with other farmers' deliveries, the premium would be based on the average protein of all carlots of 1 C.W. shipped by the elevator."

"This system of payment is not perfect, but any argument against it applies with greater weight against the existing system. At present, farmers are paid the same price for 1 Northern wheat (or 2 Northern) irrespective of whether the protein content is high or low."

Must Be Very Cautious

Dr. Anderson showed diagrams, colored photographs of loaves, and some actual loaves to illustrate his points. "We must be very cautious," he said, "in considering possible changes in our grading methods. Our system of bulk handling and grading is now widely

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be based on either high or low prices. "If other prices were coming down with those of agriculture we would not be so concerned," said Mr. Marler, "and, indeed, we could reduce the cost of production and offer products in quantity on the export market or compete more effectively for those markets, and also provide cheaper food to our own consumers, which in turn would reduce their cost of living of which we hear so much, particularly in regard to food costs." People who asked for cheaper food and at the same time continued to increase operating and living costs, through wages, increased freight, and higher prices on farm machinery, etc., could not mean to be taken seriously.

What Prevented Major Slump

President Marler believed that the Marshall Plan, the International Wheat Agreement and Canada's national support policies "have protected us from a major economic slump." The first had enabled our customers abroad to buy more of our products, and the second had an undoubted stabilizing effect, while the support program had "certainly protected sections of our industry from demoralizing prices during the year. It is regrettable that action in some cases, to implement price support for certain commodities, has been unduly delayed."

Sees Floor Prices Best Policy

It was true that in the U.S. the parity price policy, or rather 90 per cent of parity, had brought some troublesome surpluses. "This experiment," Mr. Marler declared, "indicates to me that a floor price has certain advantages

recognized as the best in the world. We must be careful not to undermine this reputation. Much further study is required before a decision can be reached on the possibilities of protein grading."

(A number of Dr. Anderson's diagrams are reproduced on Page 9 with explanatory notes.)

World Milk Output Up

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Milk output this year, in major producing countries throughout the world, is expected to be about 4 per cent higher than the total for 1949, reports the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

over a parity price policy. With static parity price formulas demand cannot properly affect supply, whereas the floor price provides for supply and demand to fluctuate about. In practice this should give some directions to the quantitative production of various commodities."

Mr. Marler said that the Federation had been criticised as being "far too left" and also as being "far too right." He considered that "a compliment, because so long as we are criticised from all angles we must be reasonably well in line."

"But a Forecast 35 Years Ago"

Reviewing the achievement of farm organizations, Mr. Marler said that "many of the benefits we enjoy today were but a forecast 35 years ago. That we, the farmers, would take our place in the national economy to the extent we have in this short term of years cannot be other than astounding to anyone who has a clear concept of the rate at which the changes in the national and international economy usually take place. During this comparatively short term of years we have set up our own marketing organizations for the marketing of nearly every product produced on the farm. This has been so successful that in most communities over 50 per cent of the production in this Province is being so marketed."

Action in Many Fields

Among fields of activity covered by the Directors' reports were such matters as I.F.A.P.; the fight to retain Crow's Nest Pass Agreement rates on grain; Provincial legislation concerning marketing which the Federation has sought; the placing of a farmer

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on the Right of Entry Arbitration Board; proposals for the improvement of P.F.A.A.; the stressing of the need for a feed bank; harvest wages submission to the Board of Transport Commissioners, and other matters.

Nominated for Nuffield Scholarship

It was announced that Orrin Hart of Claresholm had been recommended by the Board for one of the Nuffield scholarships, designed to enable two Canadian farm boys to spend six months working in Britain and becoming accustomed to agricultural practices there.

At the end of the fiscal year, Secretary McFall's report showed there were 56 affiliate member bodies in the Federation.



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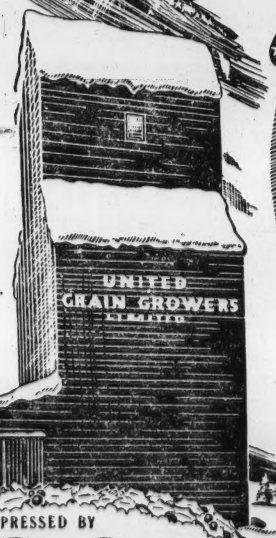
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A New Year's Message and a Few Thoughts on Free Enterprise



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Loyal Member Passes

We deeply regret to announce the death of Jim Vold of Ponoka.

Jim came to the Asker district of Ponoka in 1896, and has been active as a farmer in that district right up to the time of his death. He was a man of boundless energy and broad interests. He served the community in many capacities. He was a delegate for the district to the Central Alberta Dairy Pool for many years, and impressed us all by the keenness of his mind and observations. The Directors, Management and staff of our C.A.D.P. extend to Mrs. Vold and family their deepest sympathy.

that his activities do not unjustly interfere with the freedom of others. But that was the trouble with the huge monopolies and trusts — not only did they interfere with, but they destroyed the freedom of anybody who dared to encroach on what the monopolists considered their own special preserves. If we were to have a country of monopolies, to term it one of free enterprise would be a perversion of the truth.

In view of these things those who really believe in free enterprise and consider it a necessity in a democratic way of life should be very careful to avoid being led astray by the specious arguments of those whose real purpose would be to use free enterprise to exploit it rather than to create freedom for all.

Co-operatives Essential

In any acceptable system today, free enterprise must have a large place, and in that free enterprise co-operatives are an essential, because co-opera-

WITH the development of new political philosophies, and the growing strength of some not so new, but which have held sway because of the natural repercussions that usually follow wars, perhaps the one thing that has caused more discussion and confused thinking on the part of people of many countries, including Canada, is the term "free enterprise".

Must Understand Meaning We hear it on the radio, read it in the press, and listen to it in everyday conversation. But there are few things more important to our way of life than

that we quite understand what this "free enterprise" means.

One thing that has arisen out of confused thinking on the matter is the belief held by many that free enterprise is an

evil thing that must be stamped out wherever it is met, but that is an error, because free enterprise is an essential element in any free society, and we can rest assured that if it ceases to exist, as it apparently has in some countries, all freedom will be endangered.

Why Thinking Confused

Much of the confused thinking also comes from the attitude of huge monopolies, trusts and combines to free enterprise, they having taken the view that free enterprise gave them the right to exploit their almost unassailable position in the business world, and to destroy the smaller man who might perhaps stand in their way.

In that way these organizations have done more than anything to destroy the people's belief in free enterprise. They waxed fat and powerful by swallowing up or trampling underfoot innumerable small businesses. They kept the primary producer on the lowest of prices, and because of their monopoly they were able to enforce all kinds of legislation to give them even more power. But that is not something that has been developed of recent years — it was an attitude that had been growing for almost centuries, and which found expression in most industrial countries. And it was an attitude from which has grown a political philosophy that wishes to crush all forms of free enterprise.

What Does It Mean?

Free enterprise may be loosely defined as the freedom of an individual to engage in any industrial or commercial undertaking, whether it be on a farm or in any other field, providing

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tives are the assertion of the right of the individual to conduct his own affairs in his own way. Co-operation is the finest flower of true free enterprise. There is, too, a well-defined place for state and public ownership, but there is no place for the monopoly which, by its great economic power, would be able to work its will on the producer and consumer, and to exercise to an alarming degree its influence on governments.

Co-operatives' Role

Co-operatives have played a great part in permitting the benefits of free enterprise to be enjoyed by the rural community of this country, and the dairying industry in particular can rejoice that it broke the chains so many years ago. Prior to that it suffered at the

hands of those who were out to exploit the man on the land.

Free enterprise is still something to be treasured, because it is the foundation of liberty, but we must remember that liberty can lead to licence unless there is that curbing chain of public watchfulness. Co-operators can help by being true to their co-operative organizations and giving them full support in their efforts to serve the individual and the community as a whole.

Let us resolve that one of our New Year's resolutions is going to be that we will do all in our power to give strength to our own farmers' organizations by our support and encouragement.

A Happy and Prosperous Year to You All!

FARMERS PIONEERING
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way had given us 3-cent oats and 19-cent wheat. Mr. Hannam recounted the part played by the I.F.A.P. in furthering the International Wheat Agreement.

Turned Down Boyd-Orr Program

To reconcile conditions of famine in some parts of the world with the enormous productive capacity of such parts as our own, Mr. Hannam continued, there must be such a program as had been advocated by Lord Boyd-Orr and others. But the governments concerned had turned down such a program, being unwilling to surrender powers, though the Canadian Government had been ready to go as far as any others.

Disposal of Food Surpluses

The I.F.A.P., said Mr. Hannam, was working on the proposal to dispose of surplus foods at "give-away prices", such foods to be used for supplementary feeding programs only. To dump such surpluses into ordinary market channels would of course have a disastrous effect on the market structure.

The immense possibilities of a world organization of the largest occupational group were touched upon. In the promotion of international understanding and goodwill alone, the I.F.A.P. had fully justified its existence, but a great deal more could be accomplished.

Pool People and Guests Attend

The banquet was held in the ballroom of the Palliser Hotel, and was attended by Pool delegates and their wives, Pool members, officials and staff, and by a long list of invited guests, representing other farm organizations, co-operatives, and institutions having business and other connection with the Pool. Ben S. Plumer, Chairman of the Wheat Pool Board, presided with pleasant, humorous efficiency. Greetings were given briefly by Mayor Mackay of Calgary, by Hon. J. L. Robinson for the Provincial Government, and by Hon. C. D. Howe, Federal Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Norman J. Kennedy led a commun-

ity sing-song, and the Excelsior Glee Party, conducted by Cyril S. Mossop, presented a highly enjoyable group of songs. — A.M.S.

Is Optimistic About Disposal of Wheat Delivered to Board

Although getting rid of the feed grades of wheat was likely to be a long-drawn-out process, W. C. McNamara, a member of the Canadian Wheat Board, informed delegates to the Alberta Wheat Pool Convention that he was optimistic about the disposal of the grain delivered to the Board from the 1950 crop. He spoke in place of the Chairman, George McIvor, who was ill.

Mr. McNamara estimated that the Board will receive 353 million bushels of wheat from this year's crop, of which 9.8 million will be 1 Northern, 46 million 2 Northern, 63 million 3 Northern and 53 million 4 Northern. This 170 million will be 48 per cent of the total, and 5, 6 and feed will probably reach 161 million, the balance being made up of Garnet, Durum, etc. The carryover of 110 million bushels of predominantly high grade wheat from last year was helping to dispose of this year's crop.

Demand for millable grades, said the speaker, was good, and some orders could not be filled. Lateness of the crop, damage by frost, lack of railway cars, had all combined to slow down the movement to world markets, and the quantity of tough and damp grain to be dried at terminals had also contributed to the slowness of the movement.

Spreads May Be Narrowed

Decision on price spreads, made by the Government on the Board's recommendation, Mr. McNamara considered sound, because there was no way of knowing how markets would value the lower grades of wheat. Up to now, actual sales were narrower than those fixed in the initial payment. If that continued, final payments would narrow the spreads.

Mr. McNamara said that prospects of disposing of feed grades of wheat for feed seemed fair. A number of countries of Europe, and Japan, had taken sample shipments and, if these proved satisfactory, it could be expected to cause expanded demand. There is no import quota on feed wheat going to the United States, but there is a duty of 5 per cent on the value of the same. If Canada sold 200 millions bushels of feed wheat there it would be only 2 per cent of the total supply of feed grain. While he did not say that he anticipated such a demand, he did feel that there was an expanding market for Canadian feed grains in the United States. When asked about the possibility of

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the Wheat Board making an interim payment on grain being handled during the current crop year, Mr. McNamara, member of the Wheat Board, said that there was a distinct possibility of such being made.

Twenty vessels cleared the port of Churchill, Manitoba, this year, taking nearly seven million bushels of wheat. The first vessel to reach Churchill during the season was the *Tricape*, which docked July 31st, and the last the *Italcattara*, on October 4th.

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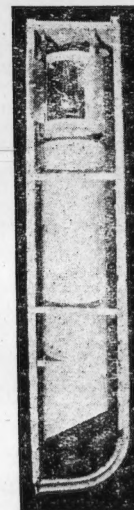
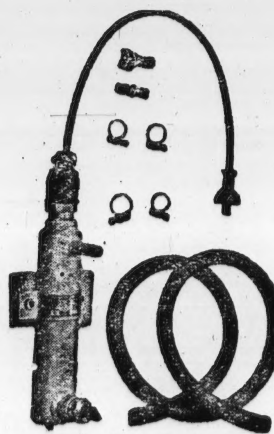
GUELPH, Ont. — A National Entomological Society, which will link the various Provincial organizations, was formed at a recent meeting here. Alberta is represented on the Board by Dr. C. W. Farstad, of Lethbridge.

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For here the truth must be confessed.
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May set out on another quest,
And loving hearts may be distressed,
Who from war's horrors sought release,
Unless all those by hate possessed
Shall join to praise the Prince of Peace.

But ring, ye bells, this Holy Night;
Proclaim once more to east and west
The Star of Christ is shining bright
Over a world all gaily dressed
For the feast by His bounty blessed;
But pray, Oh pray, His pow'r increase
So nations still by war obsessed
Shall join to praise the Prince of Peace.

Yea, ring ye bells! All men invite
To find in Love all that is best,
For in this season of delight
And healthful jollity and jest
There should not any fear infest
The joy that comes with war's surcease,
If all mankind is but impressed
To join to praise the Prince of Peace.

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Yet truth, alas, must be confessed:
All Hope must die and Faith decrease,
Unless mankind shall face the test,
To join to praise the Prince of Peace.

WORLD CHRONICLE

Nov. 30th. — U.S. 8th Army fights off encirclement, in northwest Korea; some troops cut off in northeast. Truman says U.S. will fight on, using atom bomb if necessary; later, White House statement makes clear no authority has been given to use bomb. French newspapers criticize MacArthur's drive of last Friday.

Dec. 1st. — Attlee announces will go to Washington to confer with Truman; says Britain wants "fullest consultation" before atom bomb used. In Ottawa, External Affairs Minister Pearson says anything to extend Korean conflict would be unwise. Indian, Mao-tse Tung's delegates to UN consult privately with



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Dec. 2nd. — Premier Plevin and Foreign Minister Schuman of France confer with Attlee and Bevin in London. MacArthur says "state of undeclared war" exists between Chinese and U.N. forces. Truman asks Congress for \$17,850 millions for war.

Dec. 3rd. — Indian delegate Sir Benegal N. Rau meets General Wu. Tito says use of atom bomb would touch off third world war. Revealed that Kennan, former political planning head for State Department, had advised U.S. government some time ago that approach to Chinese border would be likely to bring China into war.

Dec. 4th. — Attlee in Washington. UN forces begin withdrawal from Pyongyang. Pearson again warns of dangers of using atom bomb; says Canada should first be consulted. Six powers, including U.S., Britain, France, ask UN assembly to take up Chinese intervention in Korea.

Dec. 5th. — India suggests cease-fire in Korea, and establishing of de-

militarized zone. Thirteen Asian and Middle East countries appeal to China not to cross 38th parallel. L. B. Pearson calls for opening of negotiations with Chinese Communists immediately line is established in Korea. New Delhi reports China demands full voice in Korean settlement. West Germans reject plan for supplying troops for North Atlantic defence without status of full allies.

Dec. 6th. — U.S. Eighth Army makes stand south of Pyongyang. In British House, Foreign Undersecretary Davies says government does not wish to suggest MacArthur acted beyond UN instructions. At Lake Success, Vishinsky opposes suggestion Chinese should stop at 38th parallel. South Korean police shoot 56 Communist political prisoners without trial. Fourteen prominent Britons, including Lord Boyd-Orr and J. B. Priestley, urge "cease-fire" in Korea.

Dec. 7th. — Washington reports Attlee, Truman, considering blockade of China. British military and diplomatic leaders confer in Singapore on south-east Asian situation.

Dec. 8th. — Joint communique at end of Attlee-Truman talks says two countries will act together; no appeasement, but willingness to negotiate expressed; states difference continues on recognition Chinese regime; says Formosan issue should be settled by peaceful means.

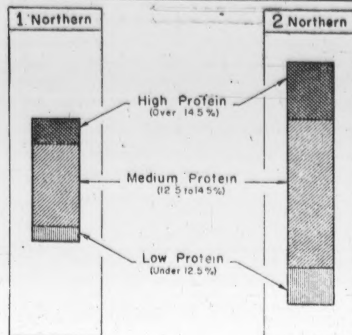
Dec. 9th. — Attlee reaches Ottawa, for conferences with Canadian Government. Defence Secretary Marshall says state of emergency may be declared in U.S.

Dec. 10th. — Attlee got the Americans to agree "that there shall be a negotiated settlement" in Korea, Works Minister Stokes tells meeting in England; says unconditional surrender demand of Second Great War was "idiotic."

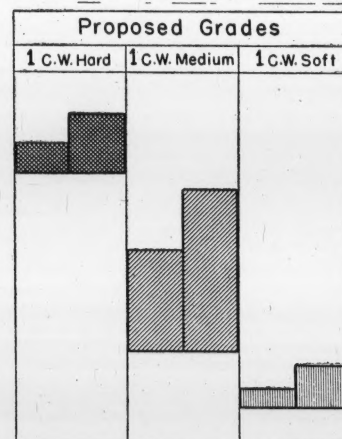
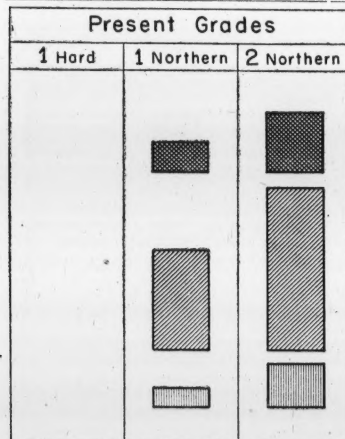
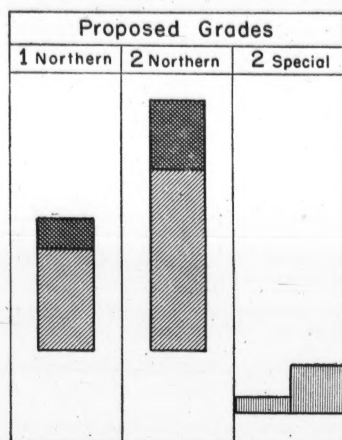
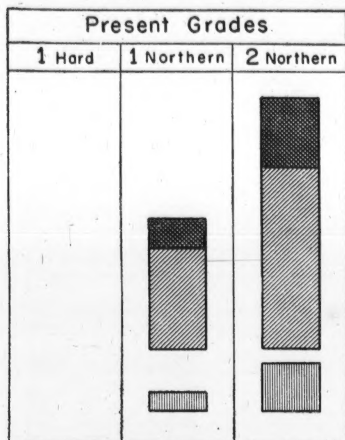
Dec. 11th. — London report states Britain will finance \$10 billion rearmament program without U.S. aid.

Dec. 12th. — U.S. and Britain support Asian-Middle East proposals for cease-fire in Korea. Rau voices conviction China wants peace. Most of U.S. 10th Corps has reached vicinity of Hamhung seaport, reported from Tokyo.

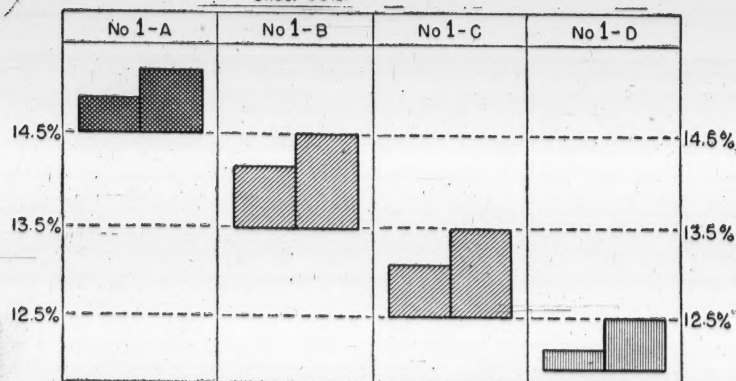
Dec. 13th. — 60,000 UN troops said evacuated from Hungnam.



PLANS FOR USE OF PROTEIN FACTOR IN TOP QUALITY GRADING



Under 60lb. — Degraded



Through the courtesy of Dr. J. A. Anderson, Chief Chemist of the Board of Grain Commissioners, we reproduce above the diagrams which he used in explaining to the Convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta last week proposals relating to the introduction of protein as a factor in grading top quality Canadian wheat.

Diagram 1 (reading down from the top) is primarily a legend to explain the meanings of the different hatchings on the columns.

Diagram 2 deals with the simplest proposal — that low protein wheats of under 14.5 per cent should be removed from 1 and 2 Northern and combined to make a new grade which

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Diagram 3 shows the second major proposal — wheat of under 60 lbs. per bushel is first removed from No. 2 Northern, and No. 2 Northern and No. 1 Northern are then bulked and regraded on a protein basis to give three new grades of over 14.5 per cent protein, between 12.5 per cent and 14.5 per cent protein, and under 12.5 per cent protein.

Diagram 4 shows a further extension of this second proposal in which the large medium protein grade is split in two at the 13.5 per cent level.

In all these diagrams, the heights of the columns and hatched sections represent the amounts of wheat of the different classes. The data represents averages for the crops of the past five years, 1944-45 to 1948-49 (see also page 5).

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Falling Returns, Rising Costs, Cause Alarm

President F.W.U.A. Addresses Convention

"We are deeply concerned at the present time with the diminishing returns for farm products; we are alarmed at the continuous upward spiralling of farm costs," declared the President of the United Farm Women of Alberta, Mrs. R. B. Gunn of Lloydminster, in her address to the Annual Convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta in Calgary last week.

Broad Survey of Farm Problems

Mrs. Gunn, whose address combined a broad survey of the activities of the farm women's organization with an able and illuminating analysis of the economic problems facing agriculture in Canada and of the world situation in primary food production, supported the statement quoted above with significant figures.

Significant Figures

It has been shown, she pointed out, during the recent session of the Canadian Parliament, that farm living costs have increased since 1939 by 77 per cent, farm wage rates by 245 per cent, farm machinery costs by 60 per cent, binder twine by 227 per cent, gasoline and oil by 51 per cent, equipment and materials by 100 per cent. These figures had been compiled from the report by the Research Bureau of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

"Farm people," said Mrs. Gunn, "cannot long continue to produce the food so badly needed in a world where hunger to the point of starvation stalks so many lands, unless the great disparity between food costs of production and price returns is overcome."

Farm people, being essentially practical, were insistent that value be received for the money they spent. It was interesting to note, therefore, that all points raised in resolutions of the last convention, dealing with quality of goods used in the home, and standards of ready-made garments, had been "incorporated in the regulations re-drafted this year."

Equally Insistent on Fair Returns

Farm people were equally interested in getting a fair return for the food they sold.

"We heartily concur," she said, "with the statement of the policy committee of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers in Sweden this year, that

"The time has come to let the world know that farmers, backed up by their national organizations and IFAP, are not prepared again to acquiesce as they did between the two world wars, in being penalized in striving for maximum production." They therefore demand as pre-requisites to the continuation of maximum output, both assured markets and remunerative prices for efficient production."

Farm women agreed, too, with the plea of IFAP that the Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations should be made a really effective organization. "IFAP is in no doubt," said the speaker, quoting from the report, "that a virile and expanding agriculture, working to supply all people with an adequate supply of food and clothing, is the most creative approach to lasting peace."

Can Do Much for Themselves

There were many things that farm people could do for themselves. They would be derelict in their duty if they failed to support, by active membership in their Union, fair and equitable proposals for readjustment. It was written that "the Lord helps those who help themselves," and it had been remarked that if everybody were as delinquent in helping themselves as farm people are shown to be by their own membership index, "the Good Lord must be enjoying a period of unparalleled relaxation." Not only through membership in the Union, but further, by enlarging the scope of co-operative

enterprises, and by increasing membership and patronage in those already established, the farmers could do much for their own advancement.

Without Co-operation "No Peace"

Mrs. Gunn stressed the fact that farm women are especially fitted to play an important part in the expansion



Mrs. R. B. GUNN

sion of co-operative principles and practices "because in the home a large part of a woman's function is the development of a spirit of co-operation among members of the household. In the larger family of the organization, and the still larger families of the family and the nation, there is a great need for the development of the spirit of co-operation, without which there can be no peace, nor happiness, nor progress."

Pointing out that health is a state of physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease, the Farm Women's President dwelt upon the means by which a threefold program in the cause of better health could be advanced. The best and most practical medium available to rural people was through rural health units, which provided a full-time preventive health service.

Take Our Stand Come What May

Mrs. Gunn commended the Farm Radio Forum as a factor in developing democratic citizenship, and concluded with a brief review of the world today, (Continued on Page 11)

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SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FARM WOMEN'S CONVENTION

By MARJORIE K. STILES

"One of the nicest things about farmers' conventions," declared Mrs. R. B. Gunn, President of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta, "is meeting old friends and making new ones." That is what the one hundred and fifteen delegates of the F.W.U.A. (who had come to Calgary from as far north as Hines Creek and south from Magrath) enjoyed between sessions of the busy Annual Convention.

One of Highlights

One of the highlights was the talk on Mental Hygiene given by Dr. H. Sieman, who is the medical health officer of the Rural Health Unit in Ed-

type of public health service provided by our government. No public health service has been more neglected than that of mental hygiene," he said. Dr. Sieman pointed out that one out of every twenty persons will spend some time in a mental hospital and for this reason we must learn to discern such factors and influences as may cause symptoms of this trouble.

Topping the list of human needs Dr. Sieman cited affection. Everyone needs



MRS. WINIFRED ROSS
First Vice-President, F.W.U.A.

montion. "Women must not underestimate their ability — or responsibility — in helping to determine the

MRS. GUNN

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divided, said the President, between two basic philosophies, irreconcilably opposed. On the one hand were those who believed in the innate dignity and integrity of the individual, and on the other those who exalted the state. "The totalitarian right and the totalitarian left meet on the common ground of tyranny and error." World War II had been fought against the dictatorship of the right. We hoped that our sons would not be called upon again to preserve our way of life, "but come what may we take our stand within the framework of democracy," for "what avail the plough, or sail, or land, or life, if freedom fall."

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to be loved, he said, citing the case of war orphans who did not grow or develop personalities when given merely institutional care. He emphasized the importance of security — not material wealth, but freedom from worry, anger, uncertainties, great loneliness; any or all might cause a child to steal or lie or cheat, which in turn were symptoms of mental maladjustment.

Past efforts in mental illness have centred around diagnosis and treatment. Dr. Sieman, however, stressed the preventive angle.

Dr. Sieman said it was true there were fewer Rural Health Units in Alberta now than in 1941 — the pertinent reason being shortage of qualified staff, who are not attracted to this work because of the salaries.

Ask More Health Units

Two resolutions concerning health were adopted by the Convention. The first requested the Alberta Department of Health take such measures as may be deemed necessary to promote more full time Health Units. The second commended the Department of Health for the present care and treatment of the mentally ill and requested that preventive programs be recognized as legitimate activities of Health Units just as inoculations against communicable diseases are supported.

Seek to Understand World Picture

Mrs. Hannah Wake brought greetings from the Saskatchewan Farm Women's Union. She urged the delegates to seek to understand the world picture of the destiny of agriculture in feeding the people. "Mothers have a little model world in their homes; develop the spirit of right within it," she said.

Mrs. Taylor gave a helpful paper on Junior work. Jim Ellett reviewed the Leadership Course at Banff and a number of delightful musical selec-

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tions were given by the Juniors of the Conrich Local. Resolutions requested another leadership course, and asked that funds from the Queen Contest for the Calgary Stampede be put in a separate trust fund for specific use of Juniors.

Throughout the Convention, splendid papers were given by the conveners on Adult Education, Social Welfare, Legislation, Health, Horticulture and Rural Housing. An outstanding display of excellent handicrafts was

in charge of Mrs. D. C. Smith of Westlock. One hundred and eight articles included weaving, fancy work, painting.

Some Important Resolutions

Other resolutions carried provided: No known Communist shall act as officer of the F.W.U.A. (later passed by F.U.A. delegates); that Mothers' Allowance be paid where father is incapacitated by mental illness, other disease or accident; that the means

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Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Dec. 12th. — Yesterday, hogs sold at \$29, sows \$19.50, good lambs \$28, good ewes \$14. Good to near choice butcher steers \$27.50 to \$28.50, down to \$22 for common; good stocker and feeder steers \$26.50 to \$27.50, down to \$20 for common.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Dec. 11. — Moderate receipts last week were largely of plain killers and replacements. Choice fed calves sold \$26.50 to \$27.50; choice steers \$27.25 to \$28, down to \$19 for common; choice heifers \$24.50 to \$25.50, down to \$18 for common; good cows \$20 to \$21, down to \$16.50 for common; canners and cutters \$13 to \$16. Grade A hogs for shipment were \$31.75.

PROSPECTS FOR FARM PRODUCTS IN COMING YEAR

J. G. Gardiner Tells Conference Future Bacon Export Market Lies in Great Britain

By M. McDUGALL, Press Gallery
Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, Dec. 13th. — The ninth annual Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference at Ottawa ably fulfilled its mission. It was the meeting ground of Provincial ministers of agriculture and assistants and advisers with the Federal Minister of Agriculture and his group of advisers, representatives of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, with foreign visitors.

Character of Conferences Changes

These conferences have no longer the semi-executive functions they had during the war. Instead of the suggestions which had almost the force of commands because of war demands, present-day conferences simply involve exchange of views of experts and a number of very interesting papers on important agricultural affairs. Yet from this conference goes out a great deal of information which cannot but

The Dairy Market

There has been no change in prices in the past two weeks. Locally, Special cream is 58 cents, No. 1, 56; No. 2, 42; and off-grade, 37. Butter is 58 for prints and 54 1/4 for solids.

Egg and Poultry Market

Grade A1 large eggs, locally, are 56 cents to producers, medium 54 and pullets 49; Grade A are 53 for large, 51 for medium and 46 for pullets; Grade B are 46, Grade C 28 and crax 26. Dressed or rail grade chicken, Special, over 5 lb. 48, 4-5 lbs. 46, under 4 lbs. 42; Grade A, 46 down to 40; Grade B, 38 down to 34; Grade C, 28 down to 22. Dressed fowl, A, 36 down to 30; B, 33 down to 25; C, 21 down to 15.

be of very considerable value to the farming community.

The Federal Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, told the delegates that Britain is ready to make a contract for the coming year for 130 million pounds of bacon. It is expected that an agreement will be reached on the price any day now. The record on deliveries on the present year's contract of 60 million pounds might well be considered hardly encouraging, but the situation should be quite a little different this coming year.

There is ample feed for hogs, supplemented by the large amount of low grade wheat, and sow breeding is likely to be on a much greater scale. The effect of this effort to increase the hog population is likely to be reflected materially in exports in the fall of next year.

Future Lies in Britain

The future of Canada's export business in bacon lies in Britain's increasing market. Mr. Gardiner said the suggestion of opening the U.S. market to live hogs from Canada was a sure way of reducing prices to the Canadian farmer, and that was hardly desirable.

Sir Andrew Jones, head of the British Food Mission, said that Britain is willing to have a contract for 77 million pounds of cheese for 1950. The price has still to be negotiated.

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Taggart, was fairly optimistic on prospects for marketing of agricultural products in the coming year. Potatoes were an exception. The prospects of exports of potatoes from Canada to the U.S. were not good. The decision to withdraw price support from potatoes in the U.S. may result in a decline in production in that country, but it would still be greater than the U.S. needs domestically.

See Strong Agricultural Prices

Some of the things brought out in the conference, or discussed there, were these: The prospect is for strong agricultural prices in Canada in the coming year. In the U.S. business activity has been high and will likely increase. Defence costs will be doubled. There is a greater demand for farm products. U.S. has been setting up strategic reserves. Even with increased production, there is no longer the question of surpluses, not at least for a period in future. On the international side, world production of agricultural products increased in 1950, but population also grew. All this makes the price structure in Canada on bullish side. Increased taxes have been suggested, but this would not keep full check on inflationary prices.

Operating Costs Will Rise

It is reasonable to expect that there will also be increases in cost of goods and services the farmers will have to buy, such as farm implements, pesticides, etc. Feeds may cost less, but farm operating costs will be somewhat higher.

It looks as if it will be more difficult to obtain an adequate supply of farm labor in 1951.

Western delegates to the conference suggested larger wheat acreage, but Gardiner held a different opinion. He believes in generous acreage in fallow. Feeds supply will likely be 27 per cent greater than a year ago.

In dairying, it is expected milk production will be slightly higher. Lower

World Wheat Situation

By E. PATCHING, Publicity Dept.
Alberta Wheat Pool

The Canadian Wheat Board is experiencing great difficulty this year in getting its export wheat in a saleable position. Normally a great proportion of the grain which moves eastward reaches the Lakehead in time to be shipped across the Great Lakes before the freeze-up. This is important, since water transportation is much cheaper than rail. This year, however, movement to the Lakehead is about six weeks later than normal. At the end of November it was announced that 57,000,000 bushels less grain (all kinds) had been received in the terminals at Port Arthur and Fort William than was received up to that date last year.

Effect of Longer Rail Haul

As a result, a greater proportion of the grain will have to be moved by rail all of the way from the Prairie Provinces to the ocean ports of Montreal, Halifax and St. John. This will increase the price to importing nations, since Canadian wheat prices are quoted on the basis of grain in store Fort William, and will make it more difficult for the Canadian Wheat Board to sell our wheat abroad. Officials of the Wheat Board have indicated, however, that they anticipate no difficulty in disposing of all of Canada's milling grade wheat.

Stocks of wheat in eastern terminals are now very low. When the port of Montreal closes for the winter, virtually all of the stocks will have been shipped out, whereas normally about 1,000,000 bushels are on hand to start shipments the next season. Maritime ports are also short of grain. It is reported that already 20 vessels have been diverted to American ports because of the grain shortage and the higher prices due to the added freight charges.

Drying Is Big Problem

Not only is the grain movement behind that of last year, but a large proportion of the grain is arriving at the terminals in a tough or damp condition which necessitates drying. Over 4,000 carlots of grain are now at the Lakehead ports of Fort William and Port Arthur and cannot be unloaded because of congestion in the terminal elevators. D. G. McKenzie, Chairman of the Board of Grain Commissioners, said that tough and damp grain was causing the trouble, and while all drying equipment was working 24 hours a day they could not cope with the situation, as they can only dry a million bushels a day as a top figure.

Indications are that markets for Canadian wheat may be broadening as foreign countries are gradually improving their trade position. It was recently announced that Japan had purchased 7,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat at a price of \$1.95 a bushel, f.o.b. Vancouver. Payment will be made in United States funds which Japan earned from exports to Canada and the United States.

Already some 60,000,000 bushels of wheat have been committed for shipment through the west coast ports. This is a substantial increase over last year.

Feed costs will encourage more feeding of cattle and increase in stock. The forecast is for a firm market for butter. There was a slightly higher production of butter in 1950.

Eggs and Poultry Production Down

The production of eggs and poultry for first nine months of 1950 was 10 per cent lower than the previous year. The chick hatch was down 20 per cent. In 1951 there may be some increase if feed prices encourage more feeding. The price of poultry meat will remain high.

Frost damage last winter has decreased the prospects for soft fruit production. The outlook for flaxseed, soybeans and sunflower seeds is relatively good. The supply of grass seeds, alfalfa and clover seeds is higher than in 1949.

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F.U.A. CONVENTION (Continued from Page 1)

Maricle of Hamlin, Director of District 4, to resign, because it was considered that his attendance at the "Warsaw Peace Conference" (adjourned from Sheffield where the British Government, declaring that it was Communist dominated, had placed impediments in the way of entry of many delegates from abroad), was detrimental to the Union. The Board also submitted to the Convention a resolution to empower the Board to expel any member "for any conduct which the Board, in its discretion, considers to be prejudicial to the best interests of the Association or to the attainment of any of the objects of the Association." In the original draft it was provided that decision should be by majority vote, and that in any case in which a decision to expel might be made, the member should be given 30 days' notice in writing, in order that he or she might appear before the Board and object to the expulsion, the decision of the Board to be final.

During discussion, amendments were adopted to make the required majority two-thirds, and providing that the member "shall have the right to appeal to the delegates at the next following Convention against the decision of the Board, and shall be given time to present his case," and that "the decision of the delegates shall be final."

(It is understood that since the close of the Convention the Board have asked two Directors to resign.)

Matter Discussed at Length

Discussion of the resolution, and questions arising out of its presentation, occupied much of the time of the delegates during the week.

Following its adoption each Director was directed by the Convention (on motion of Mr. Wright) to state how his or her vote had been cast when the motion to ask Mr. Maricle for his resignation was dealt with by the Board, and give reasons. When the Directors had been heard, Mrs. R. B. Gunn, President of the F.W.U.A., moved that the Board's action in respect to this matter be endorsed. A substitute motion by Henry Young was adopted, to the effect that since all those who had voted had been heard, the matter be dropped, and that it be left to the Board to deal with it in accordance with the Constitution.

Each Director Reports

As the presentation of the Directors' individual reports, beginning with the Presidents' and Vice-Presidents', took up an afternoon, it is perhaps impossible to do justice in brief space to the statement of any individual, but an effort to do so is made below. In several instances, at least, a summary of lengthy statements must be quite inadequate.

President Stimpfle did not think anyone had a right to say what another man should think, but 90 per cent of the people believed the Congress to have been Communist, and whether this was right or wrong, the organization suffered and Mr. Maricle should have resigned, for the good of the Union. The President had voted for the motion.

Mrs. Gunn said she was getting tired of hearing that the Communists constituted just another political

party; when they actually stood for dictatorship which planned to destroy our way of life. Their strategy "clothed evil designs with fine words." Communists who talked of peace had grabbed one country after another in Eastern Europe. She would have considered herself a traitor if she had not supported the resolution, to the farm people and all she stood for.

Moved Amendment

Mr. Young agreed that it had not been in the best interests of the Union that Mr. Maricle go to Warsaw, and had moved to express censure only, and when the amendment was defeated he could not go so far as to support the demand for resignation. It was not fair play, he thought, to take the more drastic action while Mr. Maricle was absent. He did not care whether he was on the popular side or not. He would stand or fall by what he had done.

Thought Resolution Too Mild

"If you find you are held down by a ball and chain, you're going to take the first chance to cut it off," stated Mrs. Armstrong. She had supported the resolution. "We need to clean house," she said, "all the way down. Let us pick ourselves out of the dirt." She described a tour she had made of District 4, where she was convinced that the name and resources of the F.U.A. were used to promote quite other aims than theirs. She thought the resolution too mild.

Mrs. Lowe was relieved that the subject had been brought into the open. It was high time to "clean house."

Mr. Hennig (as did several others) spoke well of Mr. Maricle personally. He knew him and liked him. He was highly intelligent. As to the Warsaw meeting, what Mr. Maricle did as a

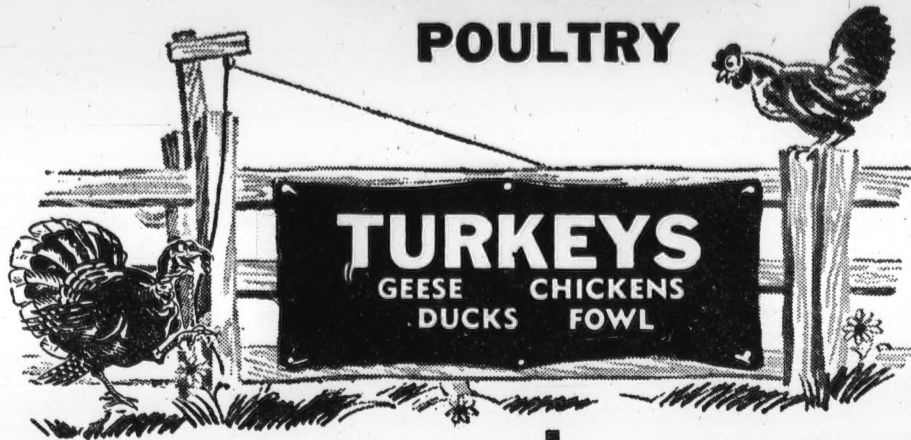
private individual was his own business; but what he did as an officer of the F.U.A. was "our business". It had been harmful and should be condemned. Mr. Hennig had supported Mr. Young's amendment — then the resolution. He did not think the Constitution as it then stood gave the power to call for resignation under the circumstances.

Chairman Discloses Opinion

Mr. Wood had been in the chair at the Board meeting, and therefore had not voted. He would have supported Mr. Young's amendment; he believed the power to ask for the resignation did not then exist (though suspension in certain cases was provided for). After the decision, however, he would have upheld the Board's vote. If he had believed what Mr. Maricle believed (which he didn't), he would have felt he was doing right.

Mr. McIntosh (who had sponsored the resolution), Mr. Hart, Mr. Wright, Mr. Kapler, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Mowat (District 12), Mr. Roth, Mr. Pharis, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Hadland, Mr. Ellett (Junior President), Mr. Lembiz, Mr. Stimpfle, all had supported the resolution on grounds, in general, similar to those which have been presented above. Several references were made to the present perils faced by Canadian boys overseas. Mr. McIntosh said Mr. Maricle was sincere and had many excellent qualities, and when he changed his views could be a power in the country. Communism was organized sedition. Mr. Restall, who had called, he said, for a registered vote that all might be on record, said he opposed the resolution, as he did not think anyone should stigmatize Mr. Maricle's actions so long as he carried out the duty for which he was appointed.

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States Board Lacked Power

Mr. Fuhr voted for the amendment but not the resolution; he did not think the Board at the time had power to do as they did, under the Constitution. Mr. Garneau had opposed the resolution, which he thought unconstitutional, as the Union had declared itself non-partisan in politics. He had never known Mr. Maricle to do anything in violation of the Constitution.

In conclusion Mr. Maricle spoke at length in his own defence, declaring that at no time had he refused to carry out any mandate of the Convention; and that he had a clear conscience. He did not go to Warsaw as a representative of the F.U.A. He had served 4 years in the "war to end war". The Warsaw conference, he said, was attended by delegates from every walk of life and included Conservatives, Republicans, Social Crediters, and Catholics and members of Russian orthodox and other churches.

(Other Convention news next issue.)

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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

U.S. Scientist says that this old world is due for another ice age within the next million years. We can hardly wait!

Margaret Kidd, 38, only woman advocate in Scotland, has been made a King's Counsel. And that, says Knotty Frankie, is a well deserved honor, and no kidding.

Speaking of tourists visiting Calgary this year the Calgary Herald says: "Those signing the registrar came from many parts of the globe including Alaska, Bermuda, the British Isles, British West Indies, China, Europe, Hawaii, India, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa, South America and the Yukon." We dunno who the Registrar is, but the poor guy must look like a tattooed man by now.

AH, THOSE COCKTAILS!

Lil' Goldilocks, our office vamp, is sorely puzzled. Yep, sez she, the other night I drank only MARTINI and yet when I woke up I had an OLD FASHIONED headache.

SOUNDS LIKE HARVEST TIME

We see by the papers that at Corvallis, Ore., Professor A. G. B. Bouquet resigned from Oregon State College's horticulture department and was succeeded by Professor Spencer B. Apple. We just can't resist saying that they made a fine pear.

Two gunmen held up a Long Beach, Calif., liquor store, took \$90 and a bottle of whiskey. One started to take a drink on the spot. "Not here," said the other. "This is an off-sale place. It's against the law." That guy sounds like a U.S. tourist who had been visiting Alberta.

Postcard from Volly Barabash tells us that he's met a sweet young thing named Lorna. Says he, she's both the mental type and the Lornamental type, if you see what he means.

"Upper Atmosphere Is Full of Laughing Gas" — headline in the Calgary Herald. And that loud "Merry ha, ha, ha," you hear folks, is from the airplane pilots flying the trans-ocean routes.

Now we suppose some enterprising financier will stage a corner on the upper atmosphere and sell it to the dentists.

TO ANNE RADOK

(On working in a Library)

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—Volodimir Barabash.

Anthropologists say that it was about a million years ago that man arose from a creeping position and walked. — Popular Science.

Our guess is that he's been on the run ever since.

NUMBER PLEASE!

The girl bought a lottery ticket and insisted on number 51. It turned out to be the winning number and she calmly collected \$15,000.

Asked reporters: "How come you chose 51?"

"Well," she said, "for seven nights I dreamed of number seven, and seven sevens are 51, so I took it." — From The Kablegram.

Couldn't be that gal was a descendant of one of the old "Forty niners", could it?

YOU TELL HIM, FOLKS!

Communication from the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest says: Lissen, Sydney, you'll read a lot about inflation these days. Know what inflation is, Musty? According to the political wisecracks it's when the working stiffs have more money than they know what to do with. But tell me, Old Scout, did you ever know a working stiff get paid more than he knew what to do with when inflation was on?

News dispatch from New Zealand says Kenneth Porter, of Wellington, filed suit for divorce on the grounds that his wife: watered his liquor, fed his lodge brothers flannel sandwiches, took the car, made him mind the baby, wouldn't let him in the house and abused him when he was in. Then his wife sued for divorce, too, charging desertion. Well, you can't blame that guy for leaving his better half for better quarters.

According to a cablegram from Teramo, Italy, a 100-year-old Italian peasant has become a father. His 42-year-old wife presented him with a son during an earthquake. At that age we're not surprised he needed an earthquake to complete the job.

ENGLISH AS SHE IS WROTE

"Lillian Shea is one woman who is not afraid to admit her age. She was out 'all night long', she said, celebrating her 60th birthday. At 5:55 a.m. Thursday she ran into police carrying a tin of tomato juice in one hand and a bottle of wine in the other." — From the Calgary Albertan.

We wonder what the Calgary cops were doing carrying tomato juice in one hand and wine in the other? It was Lillian who was celebrating.

BACK IN 1951!

F.W.U.A. CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

(Continued from Page 11)

test for Old Age Pension be abolished; that we request our M.L.A.'s to work towards establishing Regional Libraries; that where not available, Indian children wishing high school be provided with these facilities at current rates similar to those attending non-Indian schools.

The Provincial Government was commended for its work for the prevention of Bang's disease. The Convention asked that a positive test be made to determine diabetes of all patients entering hospitals; called for a home to be established for crippled children declared incurable and thus unable to remain in the Junior Red Cross hospitals. The research project on prairie rural housing was commended.

Statement by Executive

Before accepting the nomination for presidency, Mrs. Gunn read the following statement from the executive of the F.W.U.A.:

"As an executive we are not prepared in our minds at this moment to see through all the difficulties ahead, even within the confines of the present year.

"We had decided, after considerable thought, not to stand for re-election, but we have been prevailed upon to reconsider that decision.

"Therefore, we have finally decided to allow our names to stand for nomination for our respective offices on the understanding that, if elected, we will remain on the F.W.U.A. Board only so long as we can support its policy and action. If the time comes when we cannot, in all sincerity, support the F.W.U.A. Board, we will consider it our duty to announce our differences, to disassociate ourselves from the Board and resign, and, in consultation with our F.W.U.A. Board, make whatever plans and come to whatever decisions may in the light of information and events at that time appear to be proper and desirable."

Mrs. C. C. Armstrong, former First Vice-President, was elected to the executive of the F.W.U.A.

Officers of F.W.U.A.

Executive of the F.W.U.A. were elected as follows: President, Mrs. R. B. Gunn, Lloydminster (acclamation); First Vice-President, Mrs. W. Ross, Millet; Second Vice-President, Mrs. M. E. Lowe, St. Albert. It is of interest to note that all three members of the new Executive gave long and devoted service as Presidents of the former U.F.W.A. Mrs. Lowe was also the first President of the F.W.U.A., and Mrs. Gunn is the second.

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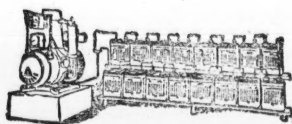
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part of the Federal Government's original proposal, provision of pensions for needy persons between the ages of 65 and 69, is to be further studied by a continuing committee. New taxation agreements offered by Ottawa will also be given further consideration by the Provinces: they would give 8½ per cent of corporation and 5 per cent of income taxes collected by the Federal Government in each Province which agrees to give up those fields of taxation.

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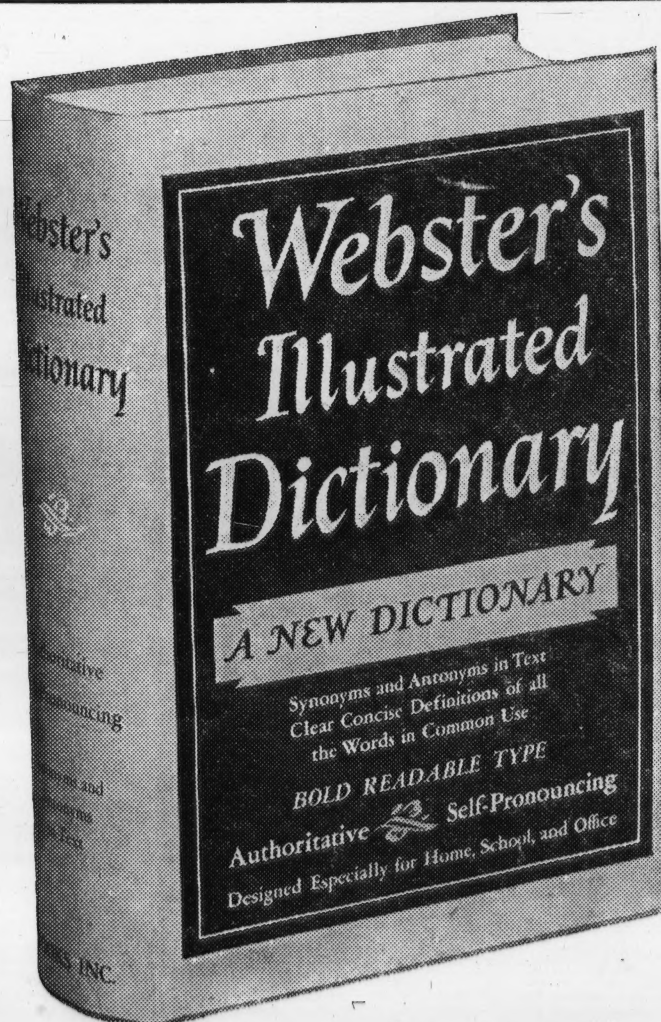
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